GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Taliban may be diverted to Kashmir as reported in the Hindu dated November 20, 2001; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (b) Though it has professed support to the international campaign in Afghanistan against terrorism, Pakistan has itself continued to sponsor terrorism, including in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India.There are reports that the Pakistan Government and its intelligence agencies are motivating Pakistan and foreign nationals, who were earlier based in Taliban controlled territories of Afghanistan, to continue with their terrorist activities in Jammu & Kashmir.

Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country, and to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed.